



Town of Westwood
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
BOARD OF HEALTH

Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Jared Orsini, REHS/RS, Health Director
Lorraine Donovan, Administrative Assistant
Margaret M. Sullivan, R.N., M.S.N., Public Health Nurse
Jessica Kent Edwards, Food Inspector/Sanitarian

Roger L. Christian, M.D., Chairperson
Carol Ahearn, R.N., B.S.N
Shelley Reeve, R.N., B.S.N., J.D

Minutes of the Westwood Board of Health meeting held on September 19, 2023

The meeting began at 5:00PM and was held at the Carby Street Municipal Office Building, 50 Carby Street, Westwood.

Members Present: Roger L. Christian, M.D., Chairperson
Carol Ahearn, R.N., B.S.N

Staff Present: Jared Orsini, REHS/RS, Health Director
Lorraine Donovan, Administrative Assistant

Approval of Minutes: June 13, 2023

Dr. Christian moved to approve the minutes with correction, Ms. Ahearn seconded, approved 2-0-0.

Inspector's Report:

Ms. Edwards is not at the meeting, Mr. Orsini provides the Board with a report of her inspections for the past month. She has also spent time assisting the 12 food vendors in preparation for their inspection on Westwood Day which is September 23. The Board does not have any questions regarding the report.

Public Health Nurse Report:

Ms. Sullivan is not at the meeting, Mr. Orsini provides the Board with a report for the past month. There has been an uptick in COVID cases since August and the CDC recommends everyone over 5 should get 1 dose of the updated vaccines. There was 1 case of Legionellosis reported in September and Ms. Sullivan has included a handout in her report describing this illness. The Board does not have any questions regarding the report.

Reorganization of the Board:

Ms. Reeve could not attend the meeting tonight, therefore, the Board will discuss reorganization next month.

Health Director Report:

There will be a flu clinic in conjunction with Wegmans once again this year. It will take place on Saturday October 21 from 10am-3pm in the parking lot at the High School.

Our NC8 group has a new campaign to recruit MRC volunteers, there will be information going out in the Westwood Wire and posted on the website.

There are no additional COVID test kits available here, they have all been distributed. We may be able to get more test kits if we purchase them with NC8. In the coming weeks test kits may be available to residential households in the U.S. for free via the U.S. Postal Service. We will post information on the website when this information becomes available.

EEE and West Nile Virus have not been a major concern this summer, however, we will stay on guard until the first frost.

There is a new Town By-law regarding the use of dumpsters that could affect some of the language in our dumpster regulation; if the regulation needs to be revised we can discuss it at the next meeting.

Town Hall will be changing hours for various departments, including the Health Department. Staff will no longer work until 7pm on Tuesdays starting on October 2, 2023. The Board will need to discuss whether they would like to change the time of the monthly meetings; Mr. Orsini will reach out to Ms. Reeve to see her availability and then reach back out to Ms. Ahearn and Dr. Christian.

Meeting adjourned 5:50PM